

**Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

**In the Matter of**

**Amendments to Strengthen the OTARD  
Regulations**

**Docket No. MB-12-121**

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**To the Commission:**

**Comments from Nickolaus E. Leggett**

I am a certified electronics technician (ISCET and iNARTE) and an Extra Class amateur radio operator (call sign N3NL). I hold an FCC General Radiotelephone Operator License with a Ship Radar Endorsement. I am an inventor holding three U.S. Patents. My latest patent is a wireless bus for digital devices and computers (U.S. Patent # 6,771,935). I have a Master of Arts degree in Political Science from the Johns Hopkins University.

I am one of the original petitioners for the establishment of the Low Power FM (LPFM) radio broadcasting service (RM-9208 July 7, 1997 subsequently included in MM Docket 99-25). I am also one of the petitioners in the docket to establish a low power radio service on the AM broadcast band (RM-11287). I have filed a total of over 200 formal comment documents with the FCC over the years since the 1970s.

**Enforcement of OTARD Regulations**

The basic problem is that citizens impacted by landlords, home owner associations (HOAs), and condominiums violating the Commission's Over-the-Air Reception Devices (OTARD) rules have no cost-effective way of requiring the landlords, HOAs, or condominiums

to obey these regulations. Citizens are left with an individual case-by-case petition process that does not require the offending language to be removed.

The Commission needs to actively enforce its own regulations. Failure to do so makes it appear that the Commission is secretly assisting those real estate interests that want to defeat the spirit and practicality of the OTARD regulations.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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